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SUBJECT: CURRENT PRESS REPORTING ON STATUS OF TENG HSIAO-PING

1. THE FOLLOWING THREE PRESS ITEMS RELATING THE STATUS OF TENG HSIAO-PING MAY BE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR YOUR ASSESSMENT OF STORIES NOW CIRCULATING IN PEKING.
2. AP BELGRADE JANUARY 12 CITING TANJUG OF JANUARY 11 REPORTS THAT THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP IS DEFERRING FINAL DECISION ON TENG'S REHABILITATION SO THAT THEY CAN STUDY IN DETAIL A CONTROVERSIAL REPORT THAT TENG MADE AT MAO'S BEHEST IN THE SUMMER OF 1975. THE REPORT PURPORTEDLY EVALUATES CULTURAL REVOLUTION ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEFICIENCIES AND WAS APPARENTLY CRITICAL OF A NUMBER OF "RADICAL" INSPIRED POLICIES. THIS WAS LATER USED BY THE "GANG OF FOUR" AGAINST TENG. THE REPORT WAS NOT FULLY STUDIED WHEN ORIGINALLY WRITTEN BECAUSE OF THE HEALTH OF MAO AND CHOU. THE TANJUG PIECE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HUA EXPECTED THE MASSES TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF TENG'S RETURN DURING THE CURRENT MEMORIALS FOR CHOU. TANJUG COMMENTS WERE BASED ON "CHINESE SOURCES."

3. MING PAO ON JANUARY 13 CARRIED A STORY STATING A READER
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INFORMED THEM THAT WHILE IN CANTON THIS WEEK A RELATIVE OF A CADRE MENTIONED THAT ACCORDING TO AN INTERNAL DOCUMENT TENG HAD ALREADY RETURNED AS PREMIER AND WAS WORKING IN THAT CAPACITY. THE READER STATED AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE RELEASED PUBLICLY BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH, AND THAT TENG ACHIEVED MERITS IN THE SMASHING OF THE "GANG OF FOUR." MING PAO STATES THAT IS CANNOT CONFIRM THIS STORY.

4. TAIWAN'S CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY IN A JANUARY 12 DISPATCH REPORTS THE CONTENTS OF A DOCUMENT PURPORTEDLY ISSUED IN NOVEMBER ON THE MAINLAND CONCERNING THE CASE OF TENG HSIAO-PING. CNA SUMMARIZED THE DOCUMENT IN FOUR POINTS: FIRST, CENTRAL DOCUMENT NUMBER ONE ISSUED LAST YEAR WAS TAMPERED WITH BY CHIANG CHING AND WANG HUNG-WEN WITH MAO ONLY PROPOSING HUA AS "ACTING PREMIER" WITHOUT ANY INTENTION TO DISMISS TENG AS VICE PREMIER; SECOND, DURING THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE "GANG OF FOUR" TENG ACTIVELY SUPPORTED HUA KUO-FENG; THIRD, TENG IS AN OLD COMRADE OF CHOU EN-LAI AND CHOU'S EVALUATION OF TENG SHOULD BE BELIEVED BY THE WHOLE PARTY; AND FOUR, TENG HAS ASSUMED OFFICE AT THE STATE COUNCIL AND HIS PROBLEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE THIRD PLENUM OF THE TENTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
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